

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: BEXP, ETRD, JA  
SUBJECT: TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE, CASE NO. 4 --  
ABBOTT LABS

REF: TOKYO 14524

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MITI, MHW, AND ABBOTT REPS  
IN TOKYO TO FOLLOW UP ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEIL'S  
TALKS WITH MHW PHARMACEUTICAL AFFAIRS BUREAU (PAB)  
DIRGEN NAKANO ON AUGUST 8. TFC-RELATED OFFICIALS IN  
MITI'S AMERICAS DIVISION WERE AT FIRST UNDER THE  
IMPRESSION THAT SINCE WEIL HAD EXPRESSED HIS "UNDER-  
STANDING" OF NAKANO'S REMARKS ON MHW APPROVAL PROCEDURES  
FOR AUSRIA, THE ABBOTT CASE COULD BE CONSIDERED CLOSED.  
HOWEVER, WE STRONGLY INDICATED THAT WHILE WE APPRECIATED  
MHW'S EFFORTS TO DATE IN EXPEDITING ITS HANDLING OF  
AUSRIA, SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE CASE IS STILL  
DEPENDENT ON FULFILLMENT OF MHW'S COMMITMENT TO APPROVE  
AUSRIA. WE CONFIRMED THIS UNDERSTANDING WITH PAB  
OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABBOTT CASE, AND  
ALSO CHECKED WITH ABBOTT'S TOKYO OFFICE; WE WERE TOLD  
THERE THAT ABBOTT IS IN TOUCH WITH MHW AS WELL AS THE  
JAPAN RED CROSS AND DOES NOT SEE THE NEED FOR FURTHER  
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EMBASSY ACTION AT THIS TIME.

2. FOR NOW, WE ARE SATISFIED THAT ALL PARTIES CONCERNED  
SHARE A COMMON GROUND OF UNDERSTANDING, AND THAT PROPER  
STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE ABBOTT CASE.  
WE WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO WATCH THIS CASE, AND ARE  
PREPARED TO WEIGH IN SHOULD FURTHER MISUNDERSTANDINGS

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